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First Baptist Church Newsletter

Sept. 13, 2023



Effective Motivation Strategy

As a mother said goodbye to her son who was returning to school after summer break, she reminded him to write often. Another woman standing nearby heard the plea and gave this advice: "The surest way to get your son to write home is to send him a letter saying, 'Here's 50 dollars. Spend it any way you like.'" The mother replied, "And that will make my son write home?" The adviser said, "Yes indeed. Just forget to enclose the money."

What motivates you to get out of bed and get going each morning? On the topic of motivation, around A.D. 61 Paul wrote these penetrating words from a Roman prison cell: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). In a sermon back in January of 2013 I gave the following points. I gleaned some of these insights from a message by author John C. Maxwell.

"I can" – this is the **attitude** to win. Do you see people and life as trash or treasure? Your perspective determines if you see each day filled with obstacles or opportunities.

"do all things" – this is the **commitment** to win. Life's most important and strategic moments are won or lost in the arena of action. This brings to mind one of my favorite quotes: "When all is said and done, more is said than done."

"through Christ" – this is the **reason** to win. Paul faced several very difficult challenges. Yet, he found purpose and meaning each day through his relationship with the Lord Jesus.

"who strengthens me" – this is the **power** to win. The Holy Spirit can fill us and energize us. In the Lord's strength we can accomplish all God wants us to do.

Together with you,

Les



PLAN TO COME!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Jon & Amanda Good and their son Andrew, missionaries in Hungary, will join us for the morning and lunch. Their daughters are all now in college.

Sunday School - we will spend the time hearing from the Goods and visiting with them. Meet in the basement Sunday School room at 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service - Jon and Amanda will share the message and special music.

Lunch - Deacons will provide various soups and the rest of us will bring side dishes to share.

To Do Now

- ⇒ There is a large card in the foyer for everyone to sign. If you haven't signed it, please do!
- ⇒ We will collect our World Mission Offering during October. It will all go toward supporting the Good's ministry. Prayerfully consider what you will give.
- ⇒ Pray for Jon and Amanda's church in Hungary. "Lord, we pray that the International Baptist Church in Debrecen, Hungary, will faithfully lift up Jesus Christ through the unifying power of the Holy Spirit."



Next

WEDNESDAY

September 27

PIZZA

6 - 7:15 p.m

Youth Bible Study - grades 6 - 12, will meet upstairs in the CE wing for snacks, Bible Study, and games.

Adventure Kids - grades K - 5, will meet downstairs in the CE wing for snacks, Bible Stories, games, and crafts.



PRAYER ITEMS

Paul Waddles - Pray for his recovery.

Denise Downs - had surgery on Monday. Please pray for continued peace and recovery.

Bev Clouser - hip replacement surgery on Wednesday. Pray for recovery and rehabilitation.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY THIS THURSDAY!

All men are invited to join our Bible Study this Thursday, September 14. It begins at 8 a.m. and lasts approximately one hour. We will gather in the meeting room downstairs. For your convenience, the elevator will be on. We will begin in the book of Jonah. Please read Jonah chapter 1 for the first meeting.

FUNERAL DINNER HELP

Funeral dinners require a lot of teamwork! There are sign-up sheets on the foyer bulletin board. Please look it over and choose an area or two where you can help. There are lots of options including set-up, fixing food, donations, serving food, and clean-up. You may sign up in more than one area. Thank you to the many who have already signed up.



Next week, Sept. 18-21, the office will be open regular hours, however, the doors will be locked. Please call if you need in the church building.

Teachers for Sunday September 17

Kids' Time

Joyce Evans
Marcia Liddy

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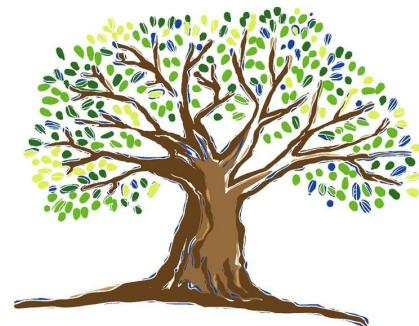
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Stewardship

September 3, 2023

General Budget	\$2,835.00
Building Maintenance	\$240.00
Missions	\$455.00
Memorials	\$150.00
Youth Fund Parking	\$875.00
Total	\$4,555.00



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Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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